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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action (made Final), dated April 24, 2009 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and the Advisory Action dated July 28, 2009, Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and authorization for payment of the requisite fee. Please extend the time for response three (3) months to expire on October 26, 2009 (October 24 being a Saturday). A Petition for an Extension of Time and authorization for payment of the requisite fee are enclosed.

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2009, a Reply and Amendment were properly submitted to the PTO on July 21, 2009, and the amendments were entered and the arguments considered. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Reply and Amendment submitted herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.